



*a diverse, inclusive church experiencing and reflecting the love, hope and joy of Jesus Christ
to each other and our community*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP | 9am | sunday | april 5, 2026

*** OPENING SONG**

Praise Band led by Zaria Modeste, Praise Band Leader

This Is Amazing Grace | Jeremy Riddle, Josh Farro & Phil Wickham

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WELCOME | Pastor Doug Johns

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER

WAYS TO CONNECT | christchurchfl.org/ways2connect

Please see below.

*** SONG OF WORSHIP**

Living Hope | Brian Johnson & Phil Wickham

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AN EASTER AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Pastor Cathy Johns

We believe in a God who astounds us! God created towering mountains, sparkling sandy beaches, lush green meadows, and dazzling wonders in the night sky. From the hummingbird to the whale, all Creation sings your praise. God surprises and astounds us in places where we expected God was absent.

We believe in Jesus, the Son of God, whose life, death, and resurrection transforms the world with the power of God's love. His body, crucified and buried, was placed in a tomb. Three days later, he rose from the dead. Jesus, our Risen Savior, embraces us with new life saying, "Because I live, you also will live."

We believe in the Holy Spirit who empowers us to be an Easter people, calling us to be witnesses to the Resurrection. The Spirit fills us with strength and sends us out to into the world to proclaim the good news: Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OFFERING

worshiping through the offering of our lives and gifts

- Place offerings in the basket or wooden box
- Go to christchurchfl.org/give
- Text GIVE to 954.880.3885
- Mail a check to Christ Church, 4845 NE 25th Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308

Christ Church is a congregationally supported ministry. We thank you for your faithfulness, which enables the church to reflect the love, hope and joy of Jesus to our community. Connect Cards may be placed with your offering.

* SONG OF WORSHIP

Alive (Mary Magdalene) | Bernie Herms & Nichole Nordeman

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MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:1-10 | New Revised Standard Version, updated edition

¹After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

These are the words of God for us, the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Life > Death | Pastor Doug Johns

SENDING FORTH

* CLOSING SONG

Forever (We Sing Hallelujah) | Brian Johnson, Christa Black Gifford, Gabriel Wilson, Jenn Johnson, Joel Taylor & Kari Jobe

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*** please stand in body or spirit.**

You are invited to greet one another and enjoy a cup of coffee and treats.

EASTER SUNDAY

10:30am | egg hunt

11am | * traditional service | fort lauderdale sanctuary

* services livestreamed at christchurchfl.org, Facebook and YouTube @[christchurchfl](https://www.facebook.com/christchurchfl)

Join us next Sunday, April 12, for Laity Sunday.

WAYS TO CONNECT | christchurchfl.org/ways2connect

TODAY

CONNECT CARDS We want to know how you're doing. Please fill out a Connect Card, to tell us that you are here, how we can pray for you, and which ministries you're called to. We'd love to hear your ideas also. You'll find paper Connect Cards in the worship space and digital cards at christchurchfl.org/connectcard.

HOLY GROUNDS COFFEE TIME Coffee and snacks are available before the 9am and 11am services. Join your friends for coffee and conversation outside the kitchen window in the gym lobby.

AT THE TABLE next sunday | 10:05am | fellowship hall 1 *At the Table* is a time to explore the scripture of the day and meet new people as you do. Invite friends and newcomers to join you. *At the Table* is taking a break today so everyone can enjoy the Easter Egg Hunt and be together. Next Sunday, plan to stay after the 9am service or come early for the 11am service for this time together; you don't need to hear the day's message to participate in the conversation. Holy Grounds will be open, so plan to grab a snack and coffee, and join us.

SERVE

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR JAMAICA HURRICANE RELIEF sunday | april 12 | 9am & 11am services Responding to concerns by a group of Christ Church community members, a special offering will be taken to help people in Jamaica recover from Hurricane Melissa. The storm, the strongest Atlantic storm to make landfall, devastated homes and communities, and the recovery is continuing. If you would like to make a special gift to help our brothers and sisters in Jamaica, please go to christchurchfl.org/give and scroll down to the special link for Jamaica gifts, or place it in an offering envelope and write Jamaica Relief on the envelope. Together we can make a difference in the lives of many affected by Melissa.

VOLUNTEER FOR THE TEDDER BOOK FAIR april 13-17 | 9:30am-1:50pm | Tedder Elementary Tedder Elementary, our partner school in the Parkway neighborhood, will host a Spring Scholastic Book Fair April 13-17. There are lots of opportunities for volunteers between 9:30am and 1:50pm those days. Volunteers need to be approved through the Broward County Public Schools. If you can make a difference in this way, please contact Val Proffer with the days and times you can help. Go to christchurchfl.org/events to sign up.

BLESSINGS FOOD PANTRY The Blessings Food Pantry welcomes donations any time. The following items would be greatly appreciated: canned tuna or chicken, canned or boxed soups, cereals, instant potatoes, tomato sauce, rice, pasta, mac-and-cheese, canned beans, saltine crackers, jelly, peanut butter, coffee/tea, canned fruit, canned ravioli, canned meat such as Spam, and cereal bars. If you'd like us to do the shopping, donations can be made at christchurchfl.org/give, with Blessings Pantry in the notes field, or make out a check to Christ Church and write Blessings Pantry on the memo line. Learn more at christchurchfl.org/blessings

LEARN ABOUT MIDDLE SCHOOL PLANS As you leave worship today, pick up a copy of the Building Committee's most recent newsletter describing the exciting progress toward serving middle schoolers and their families. For answers to some frequently asked questions, go to the church website. christchurchfl.org/FAQ

ANTI-RACISM TASK FORCE sunday | april 12 | 12:15pm | fellowship halls 1-3 The mission of the Anti-Racism Task Force is to confront the sin of racism in ourselves, our church, and in the world. Join us as we work toward a church community that reflects the beautiful diversity of the Kingdom of God. ARTF meets quarterly after the 11am Traditional Worship Service, around 12:15pm. Questions? Contact Susan Spragg, leader of the Anti-Racism Task Force, artf@christchurchfl.org

ZOE EMPOWERS We support the Arise and Shine Kironya Empowerment Group of 24 orphaned and abandoned teens and young adults as they learn the skills to be self-supporting through Zoe Empowers. Our partnership with

them runs through December 2027. The skills taught by Zoe will help each young adult support themselves and their families in their context. You can learn more at christchurchfl.org/zoe

PREPARE BREAKFAST FOR PARKWAY The Parkway community breakfast is prepared in the Fort Lauderdale kitchen early Sunday morning. This is a great opportunity for families to serve together. Students can earn service hours. Send an email to Outreach Coordinator Paige Darnell, pdarnell@christchurchfl.org if you, your family or group can help.

HEAT DINNERS FOR PARKWAY On Wednesdays, we're preparing Christ Church's famous and tasty meatloaf and side dishes in the Fort Lauderdale kitchen for our guests on the Parkway Campus. Flex volunteer time 2-4pm. This is a great opportunity for families to serve together after school. Students can earn service hours. If you are interested, please send an email to Outreach Coordinator Paige Darnell, pdarnell@christchurchfl.org.

JOIN THE WELCOME TEAM Do you enjoy greeting your church family and welcoming guests? The Welcome Team would be a great place for you to serve. Welcome Team members also help serve communion and collect the offering. Some welcome team members serve as ushers and greeters for memorial services and other special events. Michele Apple and Jeanne Deinken lead this team. Serving with the Welcome Team is a great way to get to know your church family. Sign up at christchurchfl.org/serve

BE PART OF THE WORSHIP TECH TEAM Put your tech skills to work for God. If you would like to be part of the team that helps run the cameras and visuals for worship, send an email to info@christchurchfl.org

CONNECT

ORGAN RECITAL sunday | april 19 | 4pm | sanctuary Daniel Colaner will be the featured organist at the Emerging Artist Recital sponsored by the tri-county chapter of the American Guild of Organists in the Christ Church Sanctuary. Colaner has received numerous honors, including the 2023 National YoungArts Winner with Distinction in Organ/Classical Music. He has been featured on PBS with the American Pops Orchestra and on NPR's *From the Top* (Show #377). He holds the Dr. Mi Wha Lee Fellowship at the Curtis Institute of Music and serves as the Michael Stairs Organ Scholar at the Church of The Redeemer in Bryn Mawr, Penn. The recital is free.

SHARED MEALS You are invited to share a meal and community twice each week on the Parkway Campus. On Wednesday, 4:30-6pm, dinner is served to all who come. On Sunday, breakfast is shared 9-10am. This is a great way to build community with our neighbors. The Parkway Campus is located at 100 NE 44th Street, Deerfield Beach.

CHRIST CHURCH AT TRIVIA NIGHT mondays | 7:30pm | Funky Buddha Brewery Join us as we play trivia. It's an informal gathering of folks who have fun trying to answer the questions and catching up on one another's lives. Look for the Christ Church team at the Funky Buddha, 1201 NE 38th Street, Oakland Park, on Monday nights.

GROW

LAY SERVANT MINISTRY CLASSES saturday | may 2 | 7:30am-6pm Lay Servant Ministries is one of the most impactful lay leadership development programs within the United Methodist connection. It equips and empowers laity to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ—and to lead others into discipleship through service, teaching, and witness. Three courses will be offered: Lay Servant Ministry Basic Course; Each one a Minister (Using God's Gifts for Ministry); and Afire with God (Becoming Spirited Stewards). The course fee is \$50 and includes course materials, light breakfast and lunch. For additional information, email Connie Bookholt, cbookholt@nationalgroup.com

MORNING PRAYERS Join your church family for morning prayers Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:30am. Begin the day praying with your church family on the Christ Church Facebook page, [@christchurchfl](https://www.facebook.com/christchurchfl). If you can't be online at 7:30, a recording of morning prayers is available on Facebook. Morning prayers will be on break Monday, April 6, returning Wednesday, April 8.

HEALING

FAITH CARING GROUP Mondays | 1pm The Faith Caring Group reflects and addresses the need for caring and assistance as well as grief support. The group meets on Zoom every Monday of the month, except the second Monday when members have lunch at H2Ocean, 5975 N Federal Hwy #103, Fort Lauderdale. For more information, send an email to info@christchurchfl.org with your contact information. A Faith Caring Group leader will get back to you.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

LEAD THE LORD'S PRAYER & APOSTLES CREED first sundays Children are invited to lead the Lord's Prayer and the Apostles Creed in the 9am and 11am services on the first Sunday of each month. Email Pastor Monique to volunteer, mmcbride@ccsfl.org

i9 SPORTS AT CHRIST CHURCH Soccer, flag football, basketball and multi-sport programs are open for children age 3 and up. i9 is a community-based program devoted to helping children succeed. Learn about all of the opportunities on the i9 website. i9sports.com

CHURCH BUSINESS

CAMPUSES CLOSED APRIL 6 Christ Church campuses, Fort Lauderdale and Parkway, will be closed Easter Monday, April 6. The Blessings Food Pantry will be closed that day too. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, April 7.

CHURCH CONFERENCE Christ Church members will vote on plans to add a middle school to Christ Church School at a special church conference on Sunday, April 12, at 4pm. There will also be a vote on Matt Till as a certified candidate for ministry. If you have questions about your membership status, please contact Membership Secretary Claudia Bhatt, cbhatt@christchurchfl.org

APRIL COUNCIL MEETING The next Church Council meeting will be Monday, April 13, at 6:30pm in Fellowship Halls 1-3.